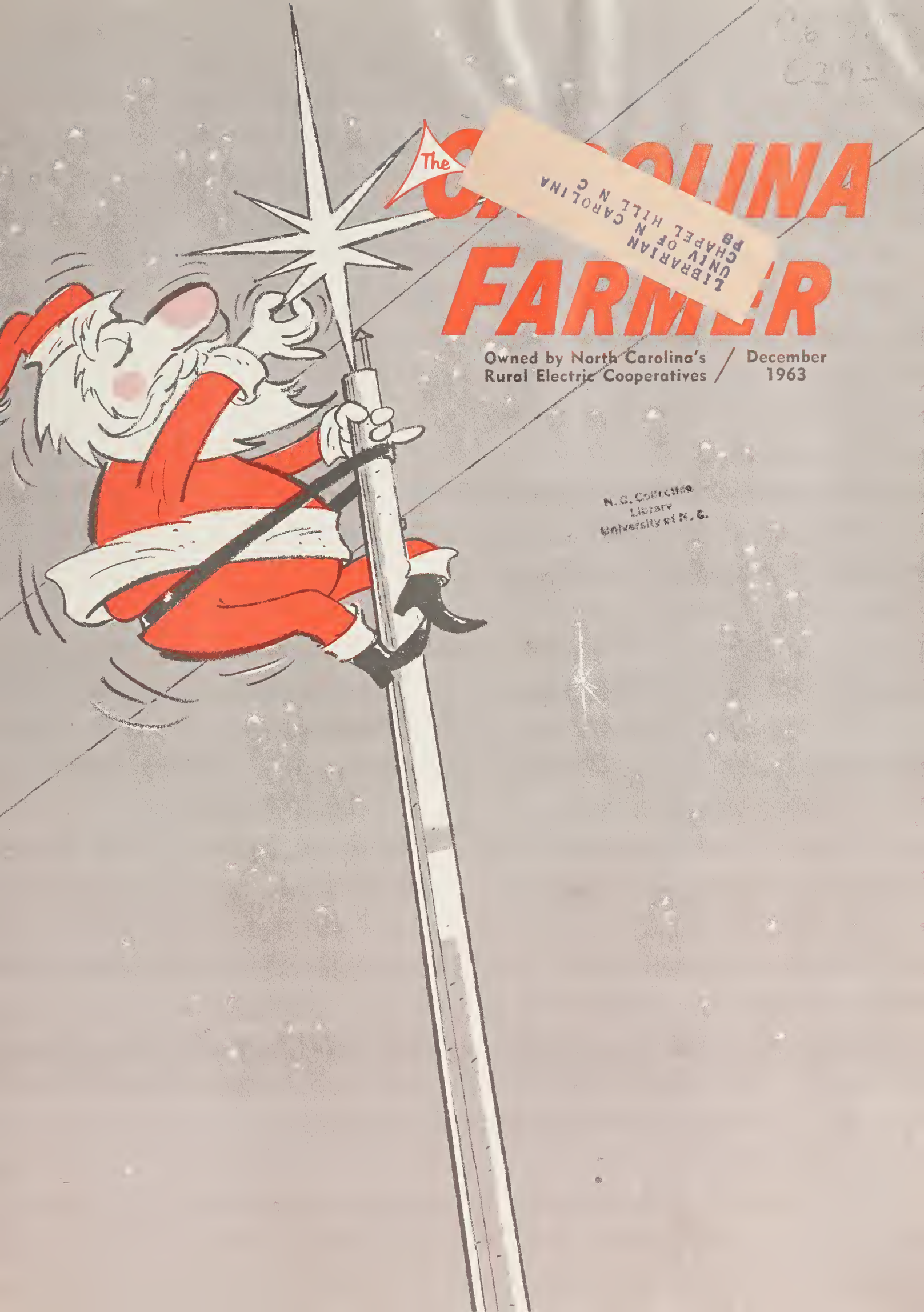

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In the days of the frontier, there was often only one way to do a difficult job — with your own hands. And when the job was big — like raising a cabin — everyone naturally pitched in to help. No one ever called their neighbors names for helping each other — it was just plain neighborliness and common sense. And it strengthened the total community.

When farmers found themselves faced with the difficult job of rural electrification not too many years back, they too discovered that they would have to do it themselves: so they pitched in and did it. We think it was just plain neighborliness and common sense.

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COVER—Someone once said that "a good many things go round in the dark besides Santa Claus," and goodness knows it's true . . . the power on your co-op lines, for instance. True, you can't see electricity (even in the daytime), and it isn't likely you'll see the sight Artist Floyd Harness dreamed up for our Christmas cover. Some things you don't have to see to believe, though, and we put both S. Claus and electricity in that category.

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Love and Hate

Long ago, an Englishman, John Donne, expressed an idea that has firmly entrenched itself in the minds of men. So haunting is the message contained in the words, so starkly true is the meaning, that countless situations bring them to mind. Donne's passage ends, ". . . any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind; and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."

These words were recalled by many the day our President was buried in our Nation's capital. Those present and those looking on through television felt the sorrowful loss; each person was diminished.

But Donne's words tell us more than that. They tell us something each person in our great country should be made to realize.

We are approaching Christmas, with its joy and glory, and its hopes for peace and good will. In no other season do we feel more a part of mankind; at no other time do we carry as much love in our hearts.

But what of the hate that abounded in our land just a few short weeks ago? Even while the country was still speechless and unbelieving after the horror of John F. Kennedy's murder, the mayor of Dallas was pointing out that this was not the guilt of one man, or of one city, or one state, but of every last one of us.

This is what Donne was talking about. Every tiny bit of hate, however disguised or however alibied, adds a drop to the growing swell. And each of us is guilty; we need not ask for whom the bell is tolling.

It is especially appropriate, then, during the season when we honor the birth of Christ—a man whose teachings were founded on the principle of love—that we meditate on the horrible results hate has brought us, and resolve to banish it from all of our thoughts and actions.

THE FRONT PORCH *by Dick Pence*

Senator Barry Goldwater —who has long advocated abolishing REA — now says he thinks it would be a good idea for the government to sell the Tennessee Valley Authority.

If it weren't such a serious matter — and if the Senator weren't dead earnest — the suggestion would be downright humorous.

For instance, Columnist Art Buchwald (whose proficiency at biting humor is so excellent it makes all other columnists blush) decided that if TVA was up for sale, it would make an ideal gift for his son.

So, according to his column, Art went down to the General Administration Office in Washington —to put in his bid. But the man behind the counter said he didn't have the authority to accept bids on TVA.

"We have to wait until after the elections," the man added.

Then he had a suggestion for Art: "What about Grand Coulee Dam? It's not as big as TVA, but kids seem to like it."

"I had something bigger in mind," said Art. "After all, the boy is 10 years old."

The man studied his list. "We have a sale on Yosemite National Park this week."

"I'm not sure he would go for parks . . . Besides, I'd like something closer to Washington," said Art.

"Would you be interested in something like the Capitol?"

From there, Buchwald and the GAO man went down the list: Dulles International Airport (the boy had already been given Bolling Field), Grand Canyon ("too steep"), Cape Canaveral (already sold "for investment purposes"), and finally settled on the Naval Academy ("That's it. Our boy always said he wanted a naval academy of his own").

Buchwald is right. Selling TVA makes about as much sense as selling the Capitol or the Naval Academy.

Recently Congressman Joe L. Evins of Tennessee pointed out a few facts about TVA to his constituents. Among them:

- TVA's power operations are self-sustaining and self-liquidating.
- TVA is the nation's most profitable government operation— not only from a dollar-and-cents point of view, but also from the point of view of strengthening our nation.
- Almost a half billion dollars has been paid into the U. S. Treasury by TVA.
- Other vast benefits have accrued from the operations of TVA, including flood control, navigation, reforestation, conservation, recreation, agricultural and industrial development, and a general improvement in the well-being of our people living in the seven-state valley area (including western North Carolina).

Rep. Evin added, "TVA has survived its critics and will continue to survive and make significant contributions and accomplishments in the future. It stands as a symbol of democracy in action and a symbol to free nations all over the world."

And, as Senator J. W. Fulbright of Arkansas pointed out the other day, we could build 10 TVAs for what it's costing us to land on the moon.

The Tennessee Valley Public Power Association NEWS has the last word, though:

"Anyone knows what to say when a kid comes home from college with a raccoon coat and a ukulele. But what do you say when he comes home with a Goldwater button?"

GERTRUDE *by Ted Trogdon*

"You're not lovesick at all. It's that laying mash you ate for lunch."

THE CAROLINA FARMER invites comments on rural electrification and other topics. Try to keep your letters short. Remember that we cannot print unsigned letters. If you wish, we will withhold your name. Write to Box 1699, Raleigh.

Dear Sir:

I am writing for 5 copies of "My Kitchen Prayer" that I read about in THE CAROLINA FARMER. Although I live in South Carolina, my aunt sends me her copy of your magazine every month, and I enjoy reading it very much.

Miss Myrtle Horne
Route 3, Box 41
Pelzer, S. C.

Dear Sir:

I think THE CAROLINA FARMER is a good little magazine. I would like to see it grow in size so it would last all through the month.

Mrs. L. T. Helms
Route 6
Monroe, N. C.

Dear Sir:

I would like you to know that I enjoy your feature, "Teen Roundtable," very much. On behalf of all the teens of North Carolina, I thank you for giving us teenagers a chance to voice our opinions.

Miss Phyllis Martin
Union EMC
East Rowan High School

Dear Sir:

Please send me 2 copies of "My Kitchen Prayer."

I sincerely enjoy your magazine and find it to be not only informative, but also entertaining. Thank you for your time and attention.

Miss Betsy James
Route 1
Gastonia, N. C.

Dear Sir:

I enjoy getting THE CAROLINA FARMER each month. The women's section of the magazine is always a delight to read. I enjoy the recipes a lot and the patterns, too.

Mrs. Allen Moxley
Route 2, Box 266
Boonville, N. C.

Dear Sir:

I am very proud of our REA (my electric co-op). Electric power gives me so much more time to do the things I enjoy, like the patterns in THE CAROLINA FARMER.

I am 57 years old. I was here in washboard days.

Gladys Askew
Route 1, Box 511
Eure, N. C.

Dear Sir:

I am writing for "My Kitchen Prayer" that was in THE CAROLINA FARMER. I like your magazine very much. I like to cut the recipes out. This magazine has helped me so much.

Mrs. Josephine Tysinger
Route 1, Box 100
Lexington, N. C.

Dear Sir:

I look forward each month to getting my copy of THE CAROLINA FARMER, and find it helpful in many ways.

Mrs. Lewis Hartsell
Route 1,
Stanfield, N. C.

Dear Mr. Pence:

I've put it off, from year to year, to write and tell you how much I do enjoy THE CAROLINA FARMER. It is condensed inspiration, hope and pure friendliness for me. I read it from "kiver to kiver," and with much interest in every page.

I am 87 years, and then some. I cannot type. But as I begin to think of the coming Christmas and hear so much about material readiness, I'm enclosing my little poem. I hope you think it worth printing, and it is still time to get it in your December issue!

Wishing you and yours a good and Happy Christmas, I am

Cordially yours,
Maggie H. Roberts
Rt. 1
Hillsboro, N. C.

JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS

I tried to fool the calendar,
And fool the **old clock,** too!
But Christmas keeps on coming,
In spite of all that I can do.
It seems that I'm not ready,
Tho' I have lots of room,
It's so cluttered with daily living,
I need a mighty broom
To sweep down all the cobwebs
And clean up all the floors.
I need to wash my windows
And sweep around my doors,
So I can see more clearly
That light beyond the sky,
Where Jesus lives forever,
And His birthday is mighty nigh.

A Nonna Muss.

TARHEEL RURAL LINES

reports on events of importance to rural electric co-op members

By J. C. Brown Jr.

Cape Fear Dam Authorized Again by Senate

THE SENATE has passed for the third time a bill containing authorization for the New Hope Dam on the Cape Fear River. Missing from the bill, however, was authorization for the Trotters Shoals Dam on the Savannah River in Georgia and South Carolina.

The action came after the House had refused to go along with a Senate-passed bill which included authorization for seven new projects, among them Trotters Shoals and New Hope. All seven projects were omitted from the authorization bill passed by the House last month and the resulting dispute between the two bodies has tied up funds for river basin projects already under construction.

Stricken from the Senate's latest authorization, in addition to Trotters Shoals, were funds for the Burns Creek Dam in Idaho and the Devil's Jump Dam in Kentucky. All three would have contained power-generating facilities.

Still in the Senate-passed bill are funds for New Hope and projects at Waurika in Oklahoma, Knowles in Montana and on the Flint River in Georgia. The New Hope and Waurika projects do not have power facilities within the project.

The Knowles Dam project in Montana was the only one debated on the Senate Floor. Both North Carolina senators—Ervin and Jordan—voted in favor of the bill, and both have been strong supporters of development on the Cape Fear River. Opposition to the Cape Fear project has come from Congressman Harold Cooley, in whose district the dam would be build.

The bill is now expected to go to a Senate-House conference.

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N. C. Senators Vote Against Raising Interest Rates

THE ISSUE of 2 percent interest on REA loans came up in the Senate recently when Senator Lausche of Ohio attempted to put an amendment on the agricultural appropriations bill. The Senate defeated the move by an overwhelming 57-16 vote.

Lausche had asked the Senate to suspend its rules to permit consideration of a rider which would have raised REA interest rates from 2 percent to 3 percent.

Both North Carolina senators—Jordan and Ervin—voted against the Lausche motion. A "No" vote is considered favorable by Tarheel Electric Membership Association.

A Tribute to a Fallen Leader

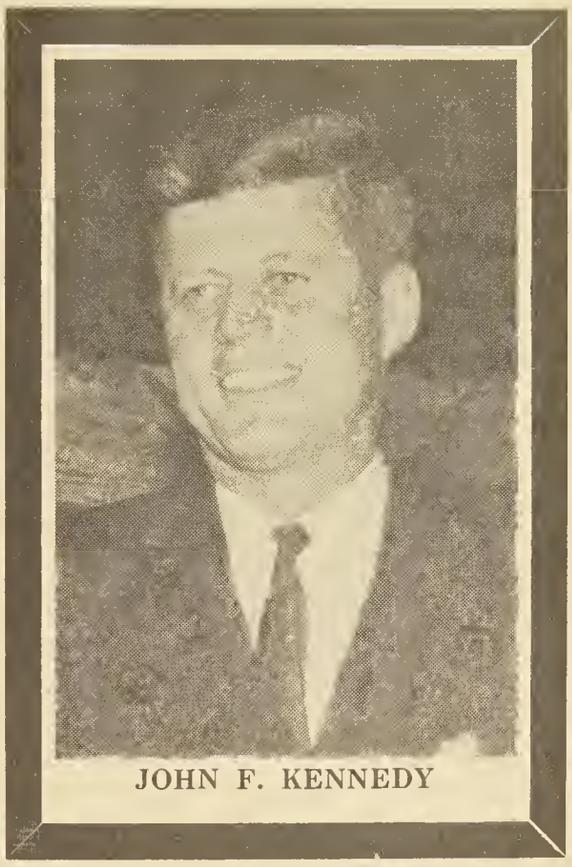
In 1960, during the presidential campaign, John F. Kennedy made a whirlwind tour through North Carolina. THE CAROLINA FARMER covered the tour. We reprint below the tribute from that story.—The Editors.

The thing was to see him, to get close to him. From the moment Kennedy stepped from the plane at Greenville, and became the first candidate to campaign in Eastern North Carolina since Bryan's visit in 1896, until he departed from Raleigh-Durham that night, the Kennedy magnetism pulled the people to him.

Surrounded by an army of staff members, state political leaders, congressmen, and a couple of hundred photographers and reporters, the only time Kennedy seemed to be led, or pushed, was at the Greenville tobacco market, where auctioneers took him in tow, and bulldozed him over a mob of admirers and photographers coming the other way.

The rest of the time, he seemed to know exactly where he was going, and when. No malingering for a functionary to point the way, no asking, "Where's the car?"

When he smiled at the girls, or shook with the men, he left the flattering impression, this guy's looking at *me*, not just at another face.



JOHN F. KENNEDY

Kennedy is greeted at Greensboro.

What About the . . .

Little Federal Plan?

RURAL people have a lot at stake when the Constitutional Amendment comes before the people January 14.

The outcome will affect the amount of representation they will have in the General Assembly—and could have far-reaching effects on the tenor of lawmaking in the future.

At issue in the January 14 voting will be the so-called "Little Federal" plan. As its title suggests, the Little Federal plan would pattern our legislative bodies after those of the United States Congress. The Congress has one body based on population, the other on geography. Each state, no matter what its size or population, has two senators. The membership the states have in the House of Representatives depends entirely on population.

At present, according to our Constitution in North Carolina, both houses of our General Assembly are based on population. The House of Representatives has 120 members — one from each county and the other 20 selected on the basis of population of the counties. The Senate is based entirely on population. Under the plan approved by the special session of the General Assembly in October, there are 50 senators from 36 districts. The districts are arranged so that approximately each 90,000 people is represented by one senator. (Districts with two senators, then, would have about 180,000 people, and so on.)

How would the Little Federal plan change the present setup? If passed by the voters, the amendment would allow the General Assembly's makeup to be this:

—The House of Representatives would have 100 members, one from each county.

—The Senate would have 70 members, with at least one from each of the 36 new senatorial districts and the rest on the basis of population of the districts.

This would mean that the House would give up its 20 "at large" members, who are distributed on a county population basis. The Senate would add 20 members, on a district population basis.

The General Assembly makeup would be practically the same as it has been for the past two sessions, as far as overall representation goes. The populous counties would lose members in the House of Representatives, but they would gain immediately almost the same number in the Senate. And as their population grows, they will continue to gain senators at the expense of the less populous areas.

Opposition to the Little Federal plan is based mostly on the fears of urban elements that the Legislature would be "dominated" by rural elements. Those who support it say—

—the Legislature has not been dominated by rural interests, certainly not in recent years, to any extent that has harmed urban interests.

—under the amendment the balance of urban and rural power in the General Assembly stays practically the same, since the populous counties gain senators even though they lose representatives.

—while North Carolina has 88 rural counties and 12 urban counties, the legislators from the rural counties have many urban constituents and the urban-county

North Carolina voters will go to the polls on January 14 to decide the fate of the so-called "Little Federal" plan. Rural people have a lot at stake in the outcome of the issue. Your electric co-op's existence could be threatened, too.

legislators have many rural constituents. Either side could raise such a ruckus over legislation they felt unfair to them, that the "dominant" side could lose out.

North Carolina is still a heavily rural state, with a rural population of 2,754,234 and urban population of 1,801,921, according to the 1960 census. While her farm population is declining, her farm economy is expanding.

Interesting to note, too, is that many people believe farming is shrinking because the number of farmers is declining. The fact is that those remaining are producing more and gaining more income than used to be the case.

For instance, agriculture is Wake County's leading industry, above government, education or private industry. Agriculture is an important industry in the other urban counties in the state, also.

The proponents of the Little Federal plan also point out that the idea being voted on January 14 is nothing new. Benjamin Franklin, John Hancock, Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, and other champions of democracy, after years of deliberation, adopted this concept of representative government for the United States.

George Wood, Representative from Camden County, points out that California and New York have a million people more than the total population of the 26 smallest states. In fact, these same 26 states have less than 18 percent of the total population.

"This," he says, "means that it is mathematically possible for 17.5 percent of our population to veto federal legislation. However, I do not recall ever having seen legislation where the small states lined up against the large states, nor do I recall ever having seen a legislative issue when our small counties lined up solidly against our large counties.

"I believe that the real democracy of North Carolina must be strengthened and preserved. I believe that our 100 county democracies are not feeding and building cities into greatness—into great population centers—only to see them establish a rule of the concentrated urban majority."

In terms of your electric cooperative, the issue takes on added importance. It is difficult to know what a General Assembly with an increasing percentage of urban people—as under our present setup—will do with issues involving rural electrification. Certainly these city representatives will have little understanding of electric co-ops, why they were organized and why their continued existence is important to all citizens of North Carolina.

The time could come when your electric co-op may be taken from you through the actions of an urban legislature which knows little of the role of rural electrification. ◄

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

A "YES" Vote Would Mean . . .

100 members in the House of Representatives, one from each county.

70 members in the Senate, at least one from each of the 36 new senatorial districts, the rest on the basis of population of the districts.

The plan would go into effect for the 1967 General Assembly.

A "NO" Vote Would Mean . . .

120 members in the House of Representatives, at least one from each county, and the rest on the basis of population of the counties.

50 members in the Senate, one each from the 36 new senatorial districts, the rest on the basis of population of the districts.

This is the plan now in effect as a result of redistricting accomplished during the special session of the General Assembly in October.

1963 General Assembly Honor Roll

THE CAROLINA FARMER is continuing this month its Honor Roll of the 1963 General Assembly. In this issue and the next several, we are bringing you photos and sketches of those members of the General Assembly who supported your electric cooperative. We will continue with this series until all 79 legislators who voted in favor of your co-op on each record vote are recognized.

William Ross Britt

Bill Britt, Democratic Representative from Johnston County, was born at Bentonville Battleground near Four Oaks. He attended Four Oaks High School and was graduated in 1940. He received the A.B. degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1944 and obtained his LL.B. degree from the University's Law School in 1948.

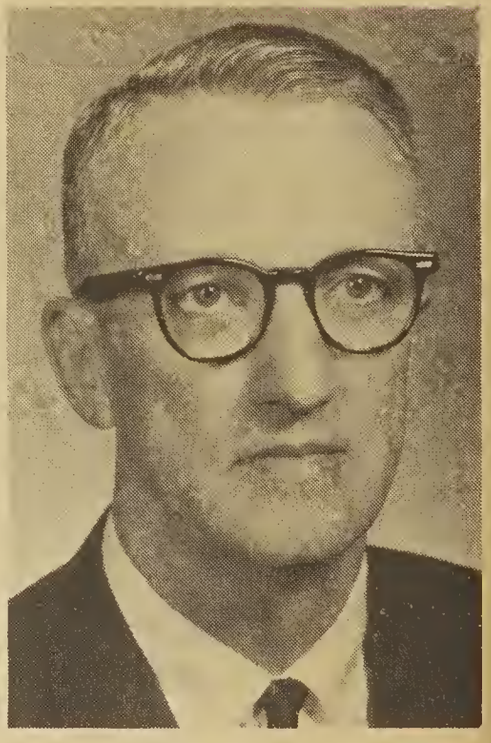
A lawyer in Smithfield, Britt is a member of the North Carolina Bar, the North Carolina Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and the American Judicature Society.

He is a member of Fellowship Masonic Lodge No. 84 in Smithfield, and the Wilmington Consistory, Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A., Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. He is also a member of the Sudan Temple in New Bern.

Britt is a veteran of the Second World War, having served as a first lieutenant with the U. S. Marine Corps from 1943 to 1945. He was recalled to active duty with the rank of captain in the U. S. Marine Corps in March 1951 during the Korean Crisis.

From 1950 until 1958, Britt served as solicitor for the Johnston County Recorder's Court and from 1952 to 1958, he was assistant Superior Court solicitor.

A member of Centenary Methodist Church, Britt has been a member of the Official Board since 1951 and has taught Sunday School for the past 10 years.



Ashley Monroe Murphy

Ashley M. Murphy, Democrat, served as the Representative from Pender County in the recent General Assembly. He is a farmer and an insurance dealer in Atkinson.

He was born in Atkinson and was graduated from the local high school in 1926. He attended North Carolina State College and the

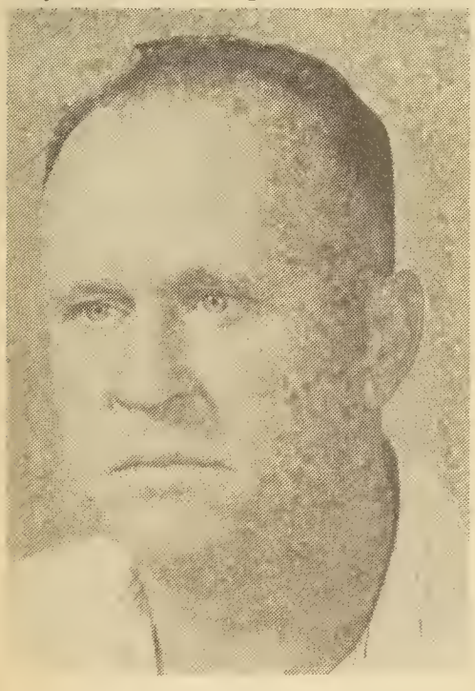
University of North Carolina. In 1934, he received both the A.B. and LL.B. degrees from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.

Active in several civic and fraternal orders, Murphy is a member of the Elks Club, the Atkinson Ruritan Club, American Legion Post No. 165, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 9961. He is an educational advisor for the Boy Scouts of America. He has served as director and vice-president of the N. C. Agricultural Foundation and was a member of the State Government Reorganization Commission from 1956 to 1957. Murphy is on the Board of Trustees for Pembroke State College and for the Greater University of North Carolina.

Murphy is a veteran of World War II, having served in Africa and Italy with the 1st Armored Division, 27th Field Artillery.

He has been a represenative in the General Assembly since 1953. He was chairman of the Committee on Agriculture in 1957 and 1959 and chairman of the Committee on Water Resources and Control during the session in 1961. He was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1956 and 1960.

Murphy is an elder in the Presbyterian Church. He is married to the former Alice Hill Reeves and they have one daughter.



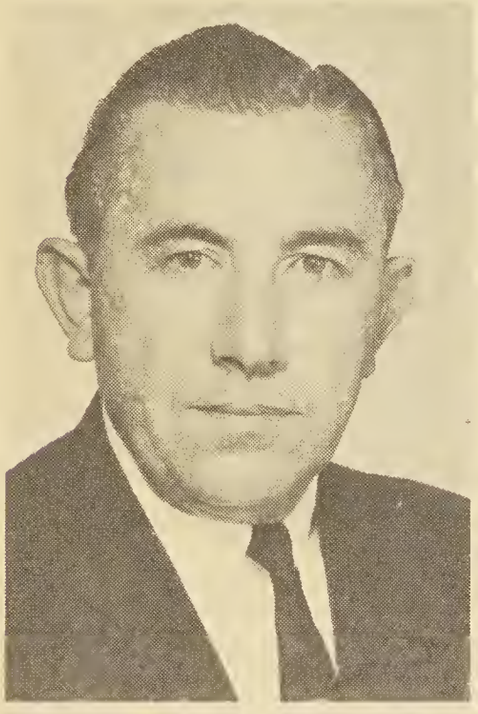
Milburn Ercell Sawyer

M. E. Sawyer, a Democrat, represented Currituck County in the House of Representatives during the 1963 General Assembly. Sawyer's votes were favorable on the three occasions when the rural electrification issue arose on the floor of the House.

Born at Powells Point, Sawyer attended Poplar Branch High School and was graduated in 1934. He is a farmer and fertilizer salesman.

Sawyer has served as a county commissioner and is presently a member of the Lower Currituck Volunteer Fire Department. He has been precinct chairman for the past 15 years.

He is a member of Powells Point Christian Church in Harbinger. Sawyer is married to the former Norma Maxine Banks and they have four children. The Sawyers make their home at Powells Point.



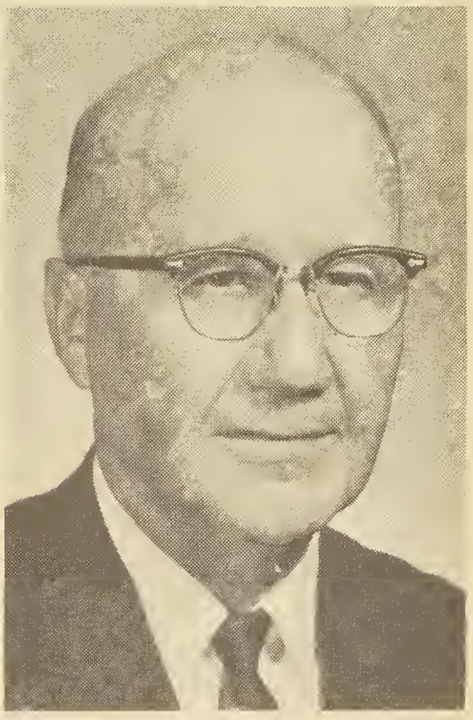
Emmett Wynn Burden

Emmett W. Burden, Democratic Representative from Bertie County, was born in Aulander and attended elementary and high school there. He attended the University of North Carolina and took part in the Naval V-12 Course at Columbia University in New York.

Burden, who is engaged in general insurance, real estate and farming, is a member of the North Carolina Association of Insurance Agents, Inc., and is State Director, Area I, for the North Carolina Association of Rescue Squads. He is a member and past president of the Aulander Ruritan Club, and held the post of lieutenant governor, Roanoke District, Ruritan National in 1959. He is a member of the Board of Commissioners, Town of Aulander. He served as Director of Civil Defense for the Town of Aulander from 1952 to 1962.

Burden entered the U. S. Naval Reserve in July, 1943, at the University of North Carolina and upon graduation at Columbia University was commissioned an Ensign. He participated in action at Guam, Saipan and the invasion of Iwo Jima in the Pacific during World War II.

He is a Baptist. Burden is married to the former Lila Rook Sumrell and they have one son.



Archie Travers Lane, Sr.

Archie Lane, Democratic Representative from Perquimans County, was another of the staunch supporters of rural electrification in the 1963 General Assembly.

Born in the county he now represents, Lane attended Hertford High School in Hertford and Eastman Business College in Poughkeepsie, New York. He now makes his home in Hertford where he is engaged in farming and general business.

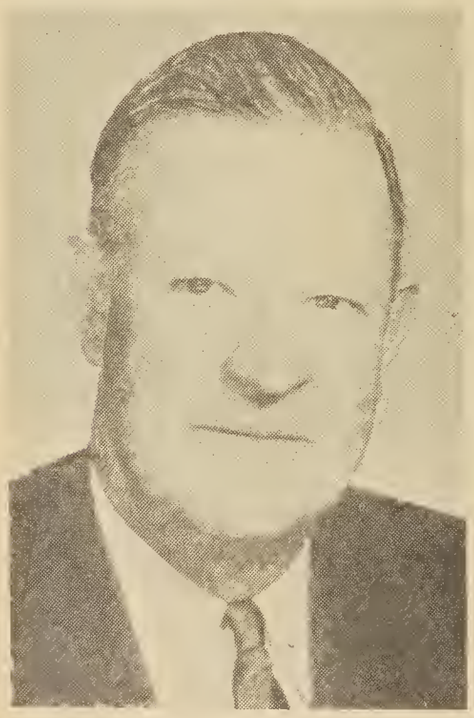
Lane has been a member of the Farm Bureau since its organization and served as its president from 1942 until 1947. For the past 9 years, he has served as chairman of the Board of Directors of Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation. Prior to that, he was manager of that electric co-op for

4 years and has been a director for 11 years. He is also a past president of Tarheel Electric Membership Association, Inc. He has been chairman of the Bear Swamp Drainage Commission since 1940. He has been a member and served as chairman of the Board for the Perquimans County Commissioners.

Lane is a charter and master key member of the Hertford Lions Club, a member of the Perquimans No. 106 A.F. & A.M., and a member of the Executive Board of the Tidewater Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He is a past chairman of the Executive Board for the District Tuberculosis Association and a member of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association.

He is a Baptist and a deacon in his church. Lane is married to the former Sallie Perry McNider and they have one son.

Lane was a representative in the General Assembly of 1961.



Isaac H. O'Hanlon

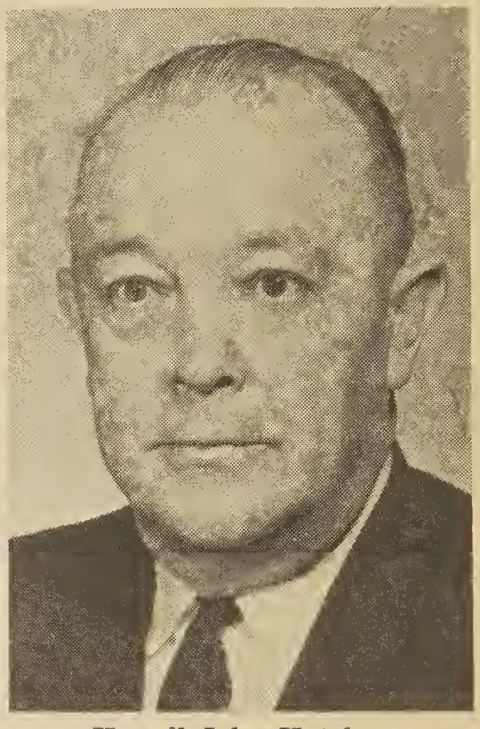
Isaac H. O'Hanlon, Democratic Representative from Cumberland County in the 1963 General Assembly, was born in Fayetteville. He was graduated from Fayetteville High School in 1930 and attended Wake Forest College. He is the owner and manager of Antex Exterminating Company, Inc.

He is a member of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce, the Knights of Pythias and the Fayetteville Kiwanis Club. O'Hanlon is the immediate past president of the Cumberland County Tuberculosis Association and present chairman of the Building Fund for the new YMCA in Fayetteville.

Pictures and sketches of additional legislators who supported rural electrification will appear next month.

He was a representative in the General Assembly of 1953 and 1955.

An Episcopalian, he is a member of the Vestry. He is married to the former Emma Merle Sikes. They have two sons and make their home in Fayetteville.



Howell John Hatcher

H. J. Hatcher, Democrat, is the Senator from the Twenty-eighth Senatorial District (Alexander, Burke and Caldwell counties). Hatcher cast his vote in support of North Carolina's rural electric co-ops on both occasions that the rural electrification issue arose in the Senate.

Born in Carroll County, Virginia, Hatcher moved to North Carolina at an early age and attended Mount Airy Public Schools. He attended Duke University and received his LL.B. degree from that institution in 1924. While at Duke, he played on the football team and was named All Southern tackle the year he graduated.

Hatcher is a lawyer and has been admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court. He is a member of the N. C. Bar Association, past president of the Burke County Bar Association, and vice-president of the 25th Judicial Bar Association. He served as chief counsel for the Committee on Investigation for the U. S. Senate from 1949 to 1953.

He is a member of the Woodmen of the World, the Knights of Pythias, and the Loyal Order of Moose. He is a Mason and a Kiwanian.

A graduate of the Command and General Staff College of the U. S. Army, Hatcher has more than 30 years of military service, having risen from the rank of private to brigadier general (retired, 1960). He served 27 months in the European Theatre of Operations during World War II. He has been awarded four American decorations, three foreign decorations, and five battle stars.

Hatcher is a Methodist and has served as a steward in his church for 20 years. He is married to the former Faith Adair and they have two sons.

James Eugene Snyder

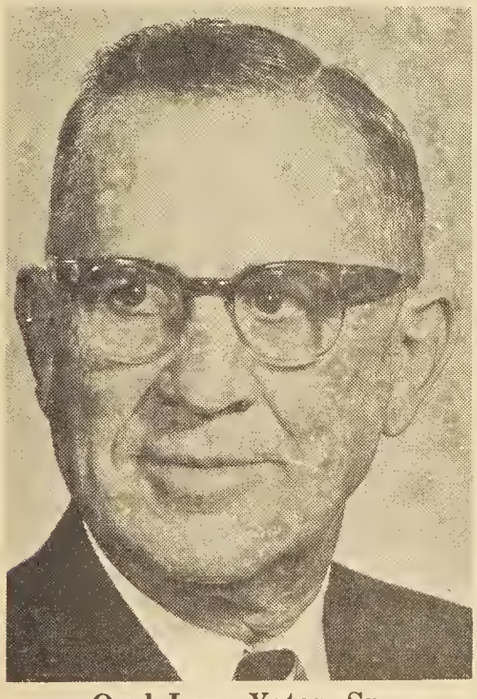
J. Eugene Snyder, Republican, represented Davidson County in the 1963 General Assembly. Born in the county seat of Lexington,

he was graduated from Reeds High School in 1928. Snyder received the B.S. degree from Wake Forest College in 1932 and the LL.B. degree from that institution's Law School in 1938.

Snyder is an attorney in Lexington in the firm of Leonard and Snyder. He is a member of the N. C. Bar and the Davidson County Bar. He also holds membership in the legal fraternity, Gamma Eta Gamma.

Snyder is a member and past president of the Lexington Civitan Club. He was a member of the State Board of Elections from 1950 to 1954. One of the organizers of the Lexington Parents' League, Snyder served as president of that organization for 2 years. He is a member of the State and Davidson County Republican Executive Committees and immediate past chairman of the County Committee.

A member of the Baptist Church, Snyder has served as both a deacon and Sunday School teacher. He is married to the former Sarah Frances Olive of Apex. They have two children and make their home in Lexington.



Oral Love Yates, Sr.

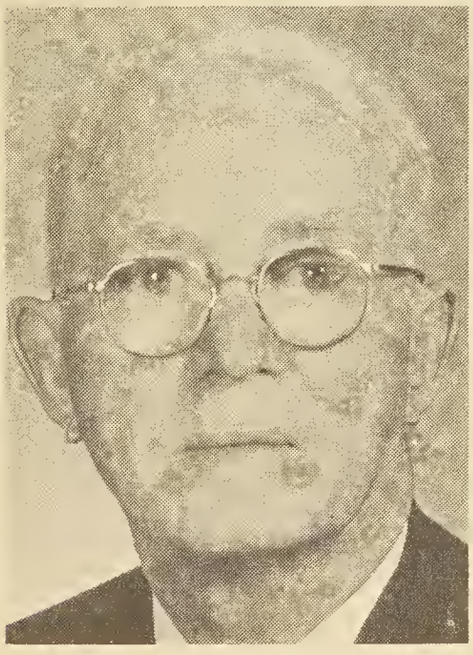
One of two senators representing the Thirty-second Senatorial District (Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Polk and Transylvania counties), Oral Yates was born in Waynesville, where he now makes his home.

He attended Clyde High School, graduating in 1919, and Western Carolina Teachers College.

Active in the affairs of his community, Yates has served as a director of the Haywood County Mental Health Association, president and director of the Haywood County Farm Bureau, a field representative of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, and director of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, District No. 7. He has also served as director of the Waynesville Chapter of the American Red Cross and as an assistant scoutmaster. A member of the Canton Kiwanis Club, Yates has served as president and member of the Board of Directors for that organization. He is a farmer.

Yates is a Methodist and has served his church as a member of the Board of Stewards and teacher of the Men's Bible Class. From 1942 to 1950, he was a member of the Board of Temperance, Western North Carolina Methodist Conference.

He is married to the former Pearl Justice and they have two children.



Benjamin Warner Evans

Benjamin Warner Evans, Democratic Representative from Chowan County, is a farmer and cotton gin operator.

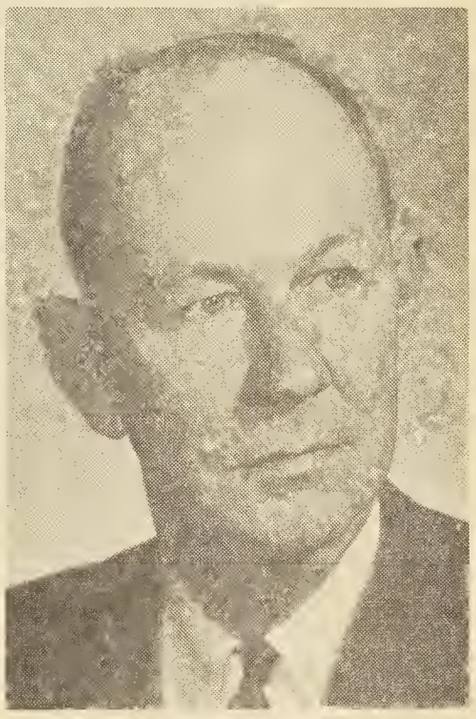
Born in the county he now represents, Evans attended Trinity Park School and received his A.B. degree from Trinity College (now Duke University) in 1915.

He has served as a member of the Chowan County Board of Education, the Chowan County Highway Commission, and was chairman of the Chowan County Democratic Executive Committee from 1930 to 1942.

Evans is a veteran of World War I, having served overseas with A Company of the 323rd Infantry.

A Methodist, he has been superintendent of his church's Sunday School for the past 25 years, and is presently chairman of the Board of Stewards for his church.

He and his wife, the former Irene Stanley, make their home in Edenton.



Hugh Appleton Ragsdale

Representing Onslow County in the 1963 General Assembly's House of Representatives was Hugh A. Ragsdale, a Democrat. He voted in support of your cooperative and the rural electrification program in North Carolina on all three record votes in the House.

Ragsdale, an automobile dealer and farmer, was born in Smithfield. He attended Fishburne Military School in Waynesboro, Virginia, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

He has served as a member of the City Council in his hometown of Richlands and on the Onslow County Board of Education.

A member of the Methodist Church, Ragsdale is on the Board of Stewards and serves as an assistant district lay leader.

He is married to the former Annie Koonce Sutton and they have three sons.

Multi-purpose, table-top cooking is possible with the new electric frypans.

Christmas Lists Start With Frypans

A Most-Wanted Item with Rural Homemakers, Frypans Can Make Christmas Giving Easy

By Louisan Mamer
Power Use Advisor
Rural Electrification Administration

The electric skillet, invented at the turn of the century, caught on some 50 years later when it was reintroduced with a thermostat to control heat evenly and make it a dependable cooking device. In less than a decade, this modern frypan has become the third most widely owned small cooking appliance, outranked only by the coffeemaker and toaster. About 60 percent of the rural electric consumers own automatic electric frypans, and surveys show that this rates as a "most wanted" small appliance among rural people who do not yet have one.

The frypan's wide range of uses —to pan-fry, deep-fry, braise, stew, roast, cook vegetables and one-dish meals, make sauces and gravies, pop corn, and even to bake and broil—make it a popular Christmas gift or personal item with homemakers of all ages.

In buying a frypan, it is wise to try the "heft" or lift of the frypan with cord attached. Then go through the motions of pouring off grease, serving gravy, and turning or scraping out food to see whether the frypan will handle well in daily use.

Check the ease of removing the cord. Also be sure that there is an "off" position of control.

More than 35 manufacturers make nearly 100 models of frypans, so there is a wide choice. Nearly all models are square, but a few round ones are available.

Round or square, frypan sizes range from 10 to 13 inches across. Capacity varies from 1¾ to 6 quarts; the heaviest concentration is in 4-quart size, followed by 3-quart capacity.

Temperature dial markings range from 0 for off to 550; 140 to 420 are most common, and found on about 30 models. A top

heat between 400° and 450°F. is usual and quite adequate. Frypan wattages range from 1000 to 1450, with more than 40 models rated at 1150 watts. Because the capacity of a 20-amp circuit at 120 volts is 2400 watts, another small heating appliance of about equal wattage may be plugged in with any frypan rated up to 1200 watts.

Construction Features

The most commonly used frypan material is aluminum, an even heat conductor that also holds heat well. A few aluminum models come without coatings, but nearly all current models have an applied finish, such as silicone, or coatings with such trade names as Sunburst, Teflon, and Velvaglaze. These stick-resistant coatings provide relatively nonsticking, "no-fat" frying, also resist pitting and are easy to clean. Silicone coating used by several manufacturers can be renewed at home with spray-can treatment.

Permanent finishes used in a few models include chromium plating over aluminum, or stainless steel bonded to aluminum or used as a liner.

Most stainless steel frypans feature an aluminum-clad bottom that spreads heat and helps prevent sticking. Fairly new on the market is "space-age" kitchenware of a white, high-temp glass ceramic decorated with design in black or blue and made into a frypan that separates from the hotplate base which accompanies it. Other materials include colored porcelain finish, satin-gold anodized bottom, and coppertone or bronze finish.

Nearly all frypans are immersible for washing, or submersible, because controls are detachable. The cost of detachable probe controls is now usually included in the price of the frypan. When quoted separately, the control costs from $5.95 to $7.95. Covers also usually are included in frypan prices. However, some manufacturers price them separately, to provide a choice. Listed in order of greatest cost lines first, the choice of cover materials offered may include stainless steel, coppertone, aluminum and glass.

Covers may be flat, rounded, or a high-dome type that provides room for large roasts. At least four models have heating elements in the dome lid for browning or broiling. The broiler cover may include several features: look-in window that removes easily for washing, broiler unit that also removes for washing, flat cover to keep toast warm, and reversible broiler rack.

Some covers are unvented, others have a hole for steam release, and a few have a vent for moisture control in browning. Another feature found in about a dozen models is a tilt-top or tilt cover, sometimes with two positions and two side handles equal in size, or with one longer than the other for "tip 'n see" use.

In addition to the cover tilting feature, the body of the frypan may have a provision for tilting to drain fat from frying food. This feature is called the "tip-toe" or "tilt leg" or "braising leg."

Legs, handles, and lid lift should be of insulating material and well ventilated. While nearly all frypans have insulated plastic legs, a few stand on ventilated legs of metal with insulated tips. One manufacturer makes two buffet models mounted on a pedestal, and another uses a hotplate base.

Buffet- or serving-type frypans, of which there are 20-odd models, are distinguished by side handles which require less space on a table than does the single, skillet-type or "stick" handle. Side handles are usually plastic, but wood is also used. One model combines a side handle, called a helper handle, with a skillet handle on the opposite side; some feature detachable handles. Also available is a combination handle and leg with a tilting feature.

Many Useful Features

Here are other useful features found on frypans: an indicator or ready light, a cook guide or temperature guide that provides information on temperatures to dial for cooking commonly prepared foods, a pushbutton pan release, and a baking rack and french fry basket as auxiliary equipment, included in the price of the frypan. The baking rack also sells separately.

In buying a frypan, it is important to look for UL safety approval on both frypan and cord set, and a guarantee or warranty.

Holiday Greenery for Your Home

By M. E. GARDNER
N. C. State

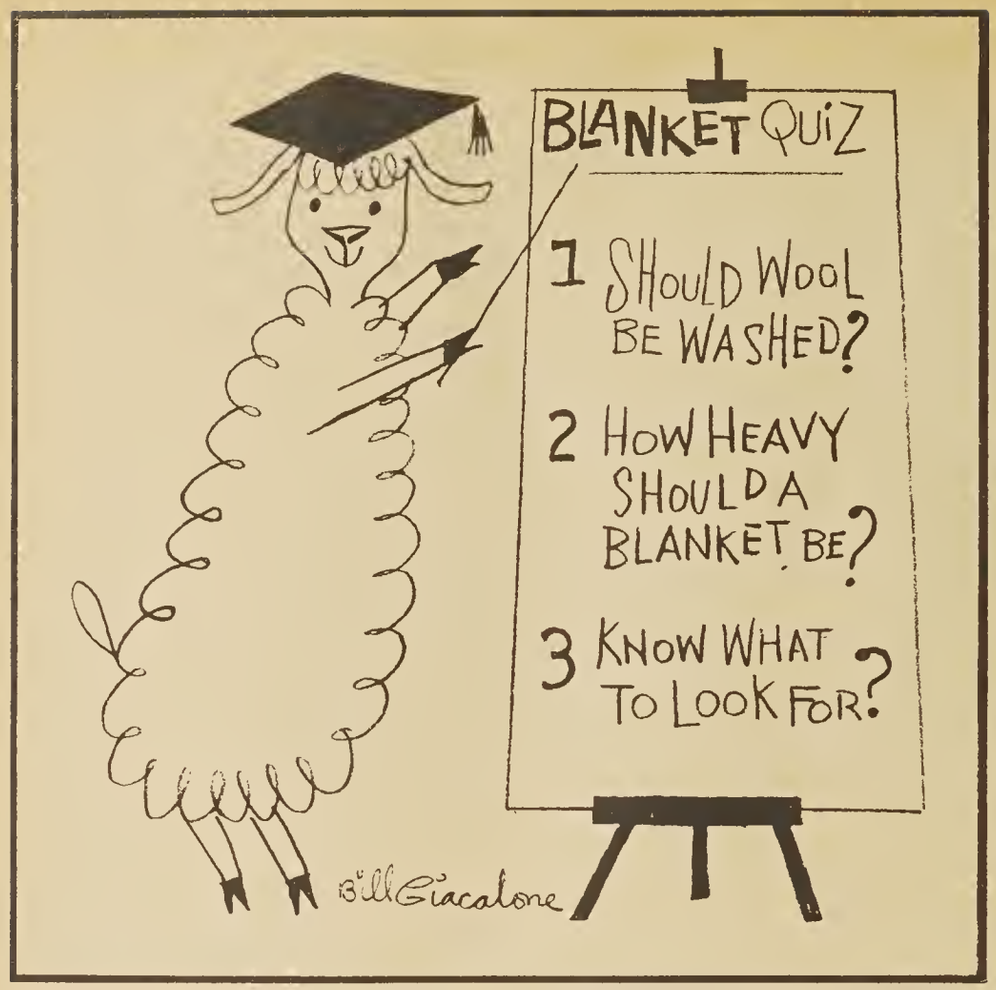
The miracle of blooming plants at Christmastide is wrought by your commercial flower grower and your florist, who carefully bring a great variety of plants into bloom for you—cyclamen, azalea, poinsettia, chrysanthemum, begonia and many others.

As gifts, flowering plants are perfect. As business gifts, they are colorful and long-lasting. As gifts for family and friends, they express your holiday message with feeling and meaning. As hospital gifts, they always give the patient a lift he or she will not soon forget. Whatever you do, don't forget the shut-ins.

As decorations, flowering plants add a little something special to Christmas festivities. Use a single plant on each of the three lower steps as a friendly welcome to entering guests. Group several on a tray for a focal point. Add one or two to a collection of green plants for a splash of color.

A handsome holly arrangement around a candelabrum with red candles will be an eye-catcher on the mantle. This same idea will look pretty on a chest top or buffet setting. Try a wreath of green and cones around a wall clock. Or use the wreath alone over the mantle, on a wall, door, or hang it in a window.

For a dramatic and timely centerpiece, arrange several cut poinsettia blooms with greens in a shallow bowl. Or, if you would rather, ring the bases of bright Christmas candles with holly and greens. Put three or more down the center of the table. A holly wreath might be placed on the back of each chair with place cards attached to the tops of the wreaths.



The Carolina Homemaker
Edited By Jennie Layne

Forecast for a Warm Winter

YOU'RE all wrapped up in them night after night . . . they outlast your favorite suit or dress by about five years . . . yet few of us have the straight information on blankets.

Now that winter is here, Miss Charlotte Womble, house furnishings specialist for the Agricultural Extension Service at N. C. State, says many homemakers will be selecting new blankets. Most homemakers are familiar with the performance of wool blankets, but today there are many other fibers to select from and many factors to consider before purchasing just the right blanket for your bed.

How heavy should a blanket be? Should a blanket be geared to the size of the bed exactly—or can it be a size larger? Should wool blankets be washed or dry-cleaned.

Here are ten questions most often asked about the selection and care of blankets—and the answers straight from the sheep's mouth.

1. How heavy should a blanket be?

The weight of a blanket is not always a true indicator of warmth. Light-weight blankets may be just as warm or warmer than heavy, tightly woven, felted ones. Blankets tagged "winterweight"—ideal for cold, cold winters — weigh three pounds and up depending on the fiber used. "Mediumweight" blankets, weighing two or three pounds, are suitable for fall and spring in colder regions and for winters in milder climates. "Lightweights" are summer blankets weighing from two pounds on down.

Remember that the lighter weight the blanket, the more comfortable it will be as a bed covering.

2. What determines a blanket's warmth?

Miss Womble says that to be warm, a blanket must be fluffy and have the ability to hold warm air as it escapes the body. It is this trapped air among the fibers that accounts for a fabric's warmth.

Wool gives exceptional warmth. From 60 to 80 percent of a wool blanket's volume is air, trapped by the structure of the tiny wool fiber itself. The heart of a blanket is yarn, each strand twisted around the other in such a way

that individual fibers stand away from their neighbors—thus producing a bulky or lofty fabric.

Air trying to pass through these structures clings to their surface and becomes trapped. The dead air then acts as an insulator for the life of the blanket. If wool is flattened in use, it regains this loftiness after a short recovery period.

From the standpoint of warmth, the finest of all synthetic blankets are those made of 100 percent Acrylic fibers, such as Orlon and Acrilan. Acrilan and Orlon are lightweight and give good warmth. When the weave, nap and weight are the same, a blanket made of Acrylic fiber is as warm as wool.

3. Are there store tests to determine a blanket's warmth?

Yes. The blanket should feel springy and firm to the touch, snapping back when you squeeze it. The weave should be close and even, the nap firm and evenly distributed. When you lift the blanket lightly by the nap, it should support its own weight.

4. Should blankets be geared to the exact size of a bed or be a size larger?

For a single bed 60 inches wide, you can choose a blanket 80, 84, or 90 inches long; for a three-quarter bed you have four sizes to choose from: 66 x 80, 70 x 80, 72 x 84, or 72 x 90; and for a double bed, three sizes: 72 x 84, 72 x 90, or 80 x 90. Larger, king-size blankets are also available, and are especially good for double, convertible hi-risers.

In choosing the size of your blanket, consider both your night's comfort and the convenience of bed-making. If you like to sleep with your head under the covers (a few people do) or like extra tuck-in space at the foot, a somewhat longer-than-average blanket is your best bet. Blankets that are too wide, however, produce a drag at the sides of the bed (usually on one side or the other, depending on how you toss and turn to compensate for it) and present bed-making problems the next day.

5. Should a blanket be washed or dry-cleaned?

The best guarantee that a wool blanket can be safely washed is to be found on the tag. A new process in shrink-proofing wool has been developed to make it go through automatic washer-dryer combinations without excessive care.

Acrilan and Orlon do not felt or shrink excessively. However, they may tend to pull or fuzz with wear and laundering. Rayon does shrink; therefore, only the most careful laundering is recommended.

Some common-sense precautions in washing blankets are: (1) always use mild, non-alkaline soap and detergent, (2) keep water just moderately warm, and (3) don't "shock" blankets by hanging them out-of-doors in freezing weather after washing them in a warm house. It is best to hang each blanket evenly over two lines to dry.

Electric Blanket: Cozy Winter Comfort

An electric blanket is your best bet for a cozy winter — and it makes a perfect Christmas gift.

Electric blankets are available in standard sizes with double or single control units. And in delightful colors, too.

Your electric blanket should receive the same kind of "Tender Loving Care" that is outlined on these pages for ordinary blankets.

6. How should blankets be cared for during the summer?

It's possible to buy blankets now which are both moth and mildew proof (all Acrylic fiber blankets are naturally mothproof) — and storage after cleaning is a simple matter if you keep the boxes they came in. For changing seasons—one hot night, one cold night—try storing the blankets in a chest at the foot of the bed, or in a special flat container under the bed. If you need them in the middle of the night, they'll be within easy reach.

It's a European custom to store moth-proofed blankets under the sheets—where they provide extra softness and comfort during temperate summers. Since wool absorbs perspiration, such an underblanket helps keep you comfortable on mild evenings. Shake it out while making the bed.

7. If a blanket has been used out-of-doors, say at a football game, and gets soaked in the rain and mud, how can it be restored?

Try hanging it up and drying it in the basement or laundry room; then scrape and brush the mud off. Shake it gently, and in a short time the nap will bounce back. A trip through the washer-dryer will then put it in shape for the next game.

8. How can blanket binding be cared for?

The binding or finishing of the edges of a blanket affects the beauty and wearing quality of the blanket. The ends may be finished by a blanket stitch, or they may be turned and hemmed. For real beauty, ends are bound with nylon or satin. Acetate may be more lustrous and softer than nylon, but nylon will wear longer. Bindings come in widths from three to seven inches, and they should be firmly and neatly attached with no puckering.

After you wash blankets, press bindings gently with a warm iron. But NEVER press the blanket.

9. How can comforters be kept from creeping off the bed during the night?

Various ways have been suggested for this—one, by sewing a band on the bottom of the comforter for better anchorage. Another way is by fastening it to the sheet with safety pins.

10. How can fine blankets be kept clean longer in areas plagued with soot and smoke?

If your bedroom seems to be nestled under a smoke stack—yet you can't sleep without having the windows open—try investing in a blanket cover. Easily washed, it will help keep dust and soot off your fine blankets and, in the daytime, provide a charming and inexpensive bedspread. ◄

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FAMILY FARE

by ERMA ANGEVINE
Coordinator of Women's Activities, NRECA

Aunt Milly Stays at Home

Aunt Milly celebrated her 90th birthday with a big party. Friends and relatives gathered at the farm home where she has lived for 70 years. The home has changed, and Aunt Milly loves to talk about these changes.

She came as a bride to this western Kansas farm. The first house was just a cabin. It lacked all the conveniences we consider necessary for comfort today. The water, pumped by windmill, was yards from the house. Having large supplies of water near livestock was much more important than having it near the house. Aunt Milly carried the water she needed. She carried water to spindly little trees she planted near the cabin, too.

Later, as the farm increased in size and value, Aunt Milly and her husband built a big frame house. The trees grew to porch height. The well, however, was still yards away, and inside plumbing was unknown. By the time the trees were tall enough to nod to each other over the rooftop, they piped water into the house and turned one of the downstairs closets into a bathroom.

Now Aunt Milly lives alone in a smaller house which stands on the same spot where the older house stood. Her trees tower over the small, completely modern home. It's all-electric.

Aunt Milly is no longer young, though she is vibrant and loves life. She cherishes each of the homes that have stood on this plot of land. However, I believe she loves this one most. One of the reasons is that it has let her keep her independence.

Many people have urged her to leave the farm and move into town "where we can look after you." This independent-spirited woman wants no looking after. She wants to take care of herself. She brags about her house, geared to her needs, that has made it possible for her to stay on the old home place. Here she has at her finger tips every convenience known. She can cook without any fire hazard with electricity. She doesn't have to worry about feeding fuel to a stove or furnace; she doesn't have to worry about pumping or carrying water. Her son has wired the home so she can call for help from any room should she need it.

"Lonely? With a beautiful home like this? Absolutely not. Everything I've ever dreamed of is in this house. And more important, I'm home where I belong. I can see the trees I planted; I can see my husband's grave; I can walk down paths of memory and never be alone. But an old woman like me couldn't live out here alone except for rural electricity. My co-op membership is one of my treasures. I helped start the co-op, and I'm going to live out my life as one of the members."

Christmas Baking Hints

Europeans have a charming Christmas custom you may wish to adopt as a tradition in your family. Hang gaily decorated Christmas cookies out-of-doors on tree branches. The cookies look so festive and provide a special holiday treat for all the birds in your neighborhood—to both you and your children's delight.

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Choose sturdy containers for packaging Christmas cookies for mailing—empty shortening or coffee cans are excellent. Spread popped popcorn generously over the bottom of the container to insulate against the bumps and bruises of mailing, then line it thoroughly with waxed paper. Wrap the cookies individually and pack one layer deep. Top the cookie layer with waxed paper and cardboard, then continue adding layers of cookies, waxed paper and cardboard till the container is filled. Add a top layer of popcorn. If you're using a non-metal container such as a cardboard box, wrap it with corrugated cardboard before adding the brown paper outer wrap.

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Add sparkle to Christmas cookies this easy way. Roll out sugar or ginger cookie dough as directed, then sprinkle evenly with white or colored sugar, pressing it in slightly with a rolling pin. Cut out desired shapes and bake the cookies.

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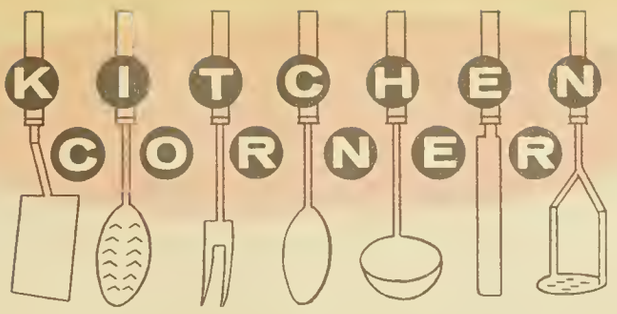
You've the makings for a company-special dessert if you're lucky enough to have fruitcake left over from holiday feasting. Crumble the cake and moisten slightly with orange or pineapple juice. Layer with slightly sweetened whipped cream or softened ice cream — flavored with rum or brandy extract—in small dessert or sherbet dishes. Top with more whipped cream and a sprinkling of chopped nuts.



Yuletide Treat

The recipe for this delicious holiday salad, as colorful and gay as the season itself, comes to you from Mrs. L. R. Smith of Trinity, Route 1. She writes that "the Ribbon Salad is good any time, but especially nice for Christmas dinners, parties, etc."

Mrs. Smith, who is a member of Davidson EMC, writes that she does lots of freezing at her house, especially vegetables. But like so many of us, she "wishes someone would suggest different ways to prepare the frozen vegetables that we have grown tired of." If you have any ideas, Mrs. Smith would be delighted to hear from you and so would we.

To save Mrs. Smith's recipe, just clip along dotted line, paste on the back and front of a 3 x 5 card, and file in your permanent recipe file.

If you have a favorite recipe you'd like to share through this column, send it to: The Carolina Homemaker, P. O. Box 1699, Raleigh, N. C. If you have a snapshot of yourself, send it along, too. And don't forget to include something about yourself and your family: the size of your family, what pleases them most at mealtime, the clubs you belong to, the name of your EMC, and anything else you'd like to share with us.

CAROLINA FARMER RECIPE

Submitted by Mrs. L. R. Smith

Route 1, Trinity, N. C.

RIBBON SALAD

2 (3 oz. pkgs.) lime gelatin
1 (3 oz. pkg.) lemon gelatin
1 (8 oz. pkg.) cream cheese
2 (3 oz. pkgs.) cherry gelatin
1 cup heavy cream, whipped
½ cup miniature marshmallows
5 cups hot water
4 cups cold water
1 (1 lb. 4 oz.) can crushed pineapple
1 cup pineapple juice (drained from crushed pineapple)
1 cup mayonnaise

Dissolve lime gelatin in 2 cups hot water. Add 2 cups cold water. Pour into 14 x 10 x 2 pan. Chill till partly set.

(Ribbon Salad, Continued)

Dissolve lemon gelatin in 1 cup hot water in top of double boiler. Add marshmallows and stir to melt. Remove from heat. Add 1 cup drained pineapple juice and cream cheese.

Beat until well blended and stir in pineapple. Cool slightly. Fold in whipped cream and mayonnaise. Chill until thickened. Then pour in layer over lime gelatin. Chill until almost set.

Dissolve cherry gelatin in 2 cups hot water. Add 2 cups cold water. Chill until syrup. Pour over pineapple layer. Chill until firm.

Creamy white layer serves as dressing. Top with mayonnaise.

Makes 24 servings.

FASHIONS AND NEEDLE NEWS

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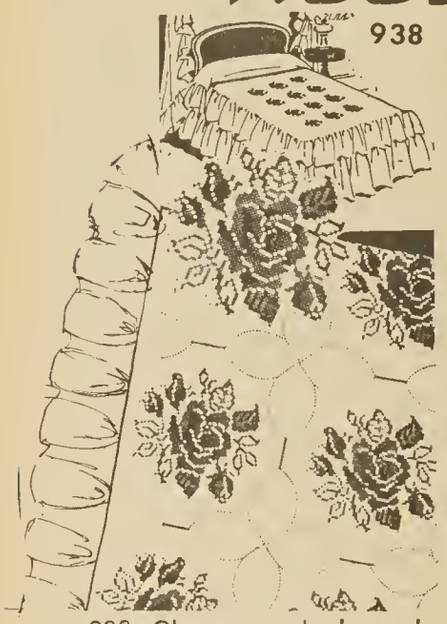

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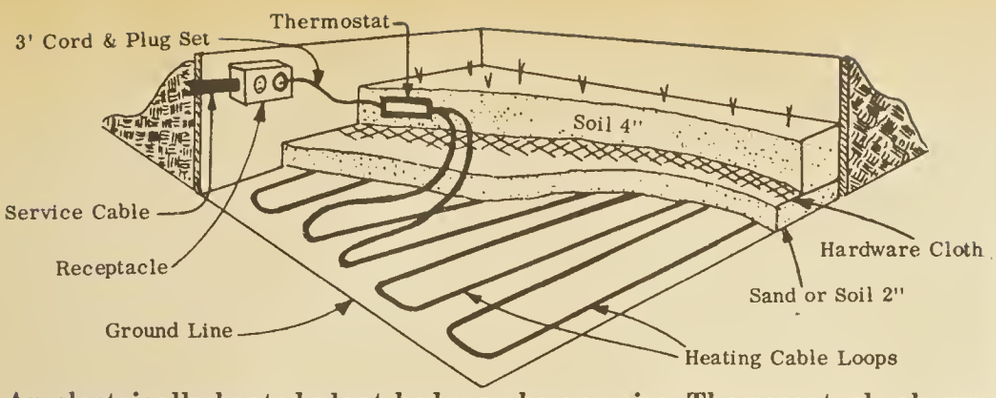

An electrically heated plant bed may be any size. The receptacle shown here should be of the weatherproof variety. The thermostat should be placed at approximately where the roots of the plants will be.

Make those lazy plants

GET UP AND GROW

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The electrically heated plant bed shown below can be built at home. The electric soil heating cable is laid in a pattern of loops 4 to 6 inches below the soil surface. After covering with the top layer of soil, it simply plugs into a standard 120-volt outlet.

Heating cable with a pre-set automatic soil thermostat is recommended. The thermostat will maintain a "growing" temperature at about 70° and it shuts off automatically when the soil is right for accelerating growth of plants, seeds and bulbs.

You can purchase almost any length of cable to fit the size of plant bed you may want to build.

Be sure the cable you buy bears the UL seal of approval.

If you need, or would like to have, further information on the electrically heated plant bed, contact your county agricultural agent or your electric cooperative office.

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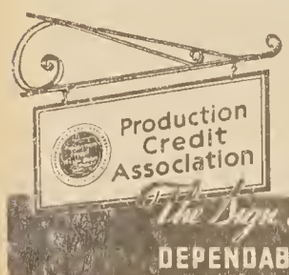

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Over $2-Billion Repaid on Loans

Payments on loans made by the Rural Electrification Administration to electric and telephone systems have passed the $2-billion mark, Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman announced recently.

According to an REA report, borrowers have made payments to the U. S. Treasury of principal and interest totaling $2,009,444,687. This includes repayments of principal—on schedule and ahead of schedule — of $1,344,189,165, and payments in interest amounting to $665,255,522. Principal and interest payments on electric loans amounted to $1,888,821,354. Telephone payments totaled $120,623,333.

Secretary Freeman praised the 1,900 electric and telephone systems for "a superb job of furnishing reliable service to rural people in the face of severe handicaps.

"The areas now served by REA borrowers once represented vast pockets of power and communication scarcity," he said. "Modern electric and telephone service is helping change all that.

"As we wipe out this disparity in opportunity for development," Freeman declared, "the rural people living in these areas are playing a bigger role in the nation's economic growth." — NRECA.

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"Should a Girl Accept a 'Last Minute' Date?"

"The point is Ted may discover at the last minute that he doesn't have to work late after all. Jack's date may break out with the measles the afternoon of the prom. Bart's family may suddenly decide not to go away for the weekend. In such situations, you can afford to be understanding. Don't let false pride stand in the way of what might be a gay time. On the other hand, there is only one sure cure for this sort of thing. Be busy the next time it happens—even if 'busy' means sitting at home knitting a pair of socks for your brother's birthday. You don't have to explain about the socks. All you have to say is, 'Sorry, I have other plans.' You don't have to be rude. You don't have to be curt. The tone of your voice can be most friendly. Unless his head is a hunk of wood, he'll get the idea that you really would have liked the date—if you'd only known earlier."

Linda Mae Sluder
Route 3
Leicester, N. C.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Sluder, Linda Mae is a freshman at Clyde A. Erwin High School. The Sluder home receives its electricity from French Broad EMC.

"No, because if she were good enough to be asked at the last minute, she should have been asked in the first place."

Alfred Westover, Jr.
Route 1, Box 175
Deep Gap, N. C.

Our thanks to Alfred for confirming our belief that chivalry is not dead. Alfred's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Westover, are a member of Blue Ridge EMC.

"It depends on the occasion. If it is a prom or a big affair, he should ask well in advance. It makes the girl think that the boy isn't interested if he waits until the last minute to call. However, if it is just a minor affair, say a movie date, and the girl would like to go, then she should accept."

Barbara Brooks
Route 2
Marshville, N. C.

Barbara is a freshman at Piedmont High School and writes that she plans to major in history when she gets to college. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Brooks, are a member of Union EMC.

"I think this depends very much on the boy. If he is a nice boy whom you know quite well or have dated before, I think it is all right. Sometimes a boy finds out about a dance, a party, or a ball game at the last minute and doesn't have a date. I wouldn't let a boy make a habit of it, though."

Carol Phillips
Route 1, Box 216
Bear Creek, N. C.

Carol is 17 and a senior at Chatham Central High School. The Phillips family is a member of Randolph EMC.

Teen ROUNDTABLE

If you have a good answer, send it to THE TEEN ROUNDTABLE, The Carolina Farmer, P. O. Box 1699, Raleigh, N. C. at once. Send a photo, too, if you have one, (we can't return it) and a few facts about yourself. Include your parents' name, and the name of the electric membership corporation serving you. If your answer is published, we will send you $5.

If you want to submit a question, send it along for our statewide panel to answer. For each question used, the sender will get a $5 check. Jot yours down and send it to us right away.

NEXT QUESTION

"What Would You Do If Your Boyfriend Dated Your Best Girlfriend?"

We're sending Gale Reid of Hudson, Rt. 1, a check for $5 for this question. Gale is 17 and a junior at Hudson High School. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Reid, are a member of Blue Ridge EMC.

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How to put your name on a Freedom Document

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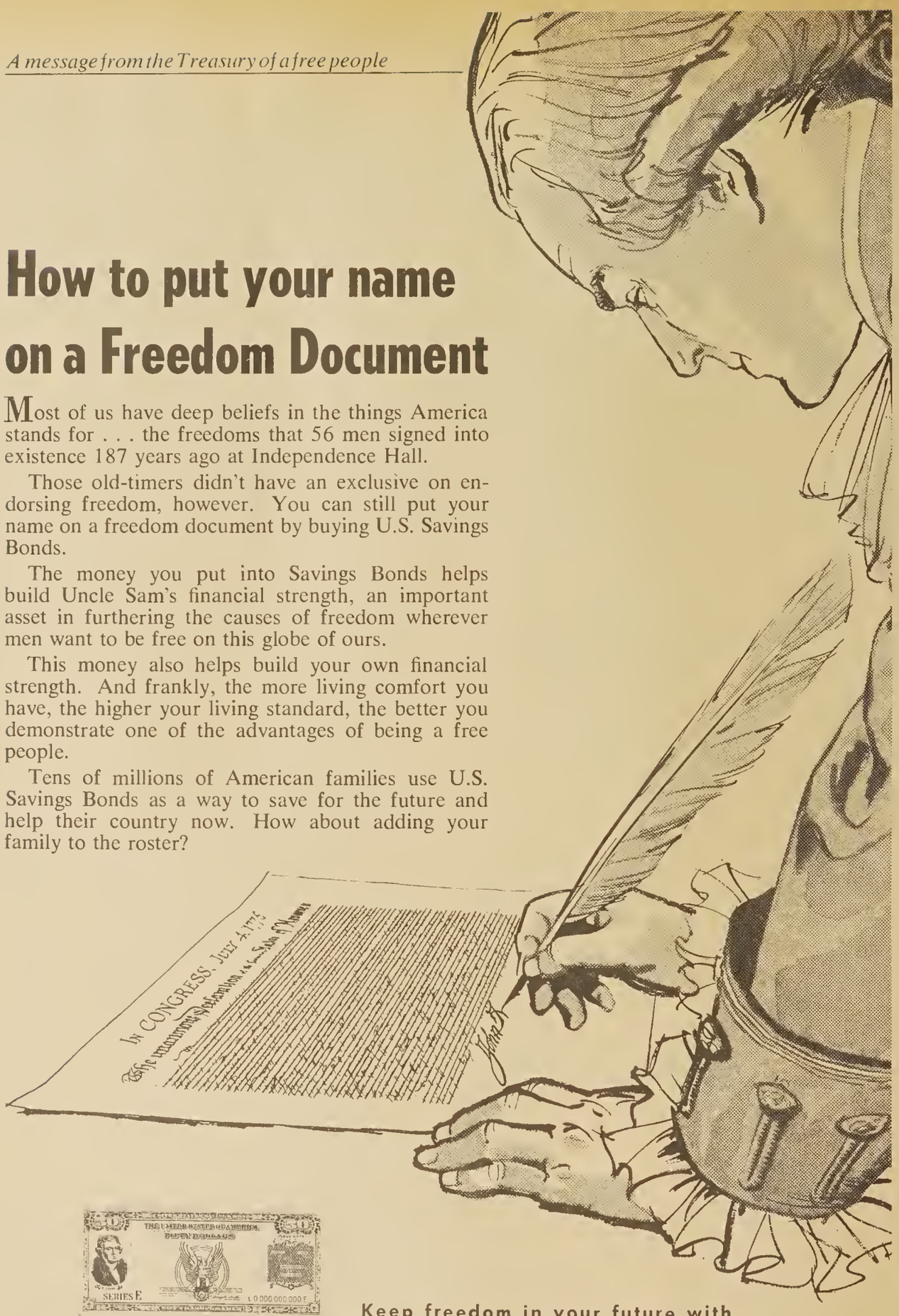

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AROUND THE HOUSE *by Archie Hathcock*

IN THE category of "little things that annoy a lot" might fall the nuisance of trying to find a place to plug in a string of Christmas lights.

Well, it's easy to make your own Christmas tree outlet.

You'll need a three-receptacle extension cord outlet, 12 feet of No. 16 rubber covered wire, and a rubber plug. Put the outlet on one end of the wire and the plug on the other. Be sure all your electrical connections are securely tightened. The outlet can then be fastened to the trunk of the tree with rubber electrician's tape or friction tape and you'll have three plug-ins for your lights.

For exceptionally tall trees you may want to put two outlets on your wire about three or four feet apart. In buying your materials, be sure you get only those bearing the UL seal of approval. The seal is your key to safety.

THE BEAUTY of a Christmas tree depends on how many lights you use and how well you use them. A tree may look gaudy with too many lights and spotty with too few. Here are a few tree lighting hints.

Check your lights before you string them on the tree:

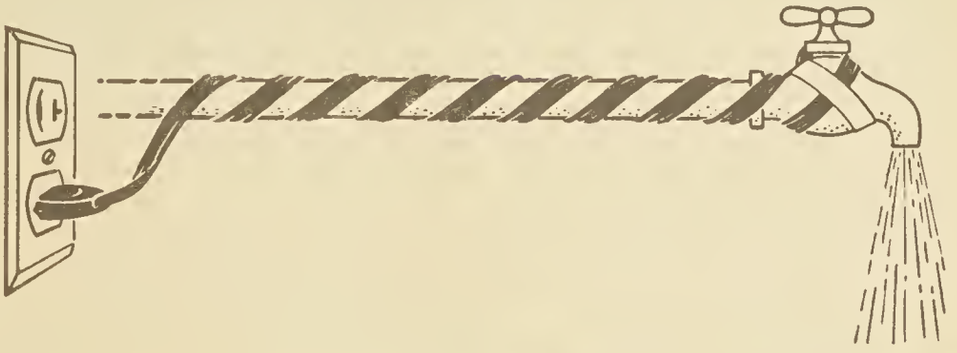
1. Lay all your lights on the floor and untangle the cords.
2. Inspect each cord. Look for worn or frayed wires, broken sockets, and straighten out any kinks in the wires. Discard the cord if it cannot be repaired so that it will be safe.
3. Plug in each cord separately and see that all bulbs burn brightly.
4. In buying new lights, remember that a 15-bulb string costs less than two 7-bulb strings. Again, look for the UL label on each string before you buy.

String your lights before you hang any other ornaments. The proper method of stringing lights is to start at the tree top and work down, work outward from the trunk and around the tree—in a spiral, in-and-out manner. This will keep your tree from looking hollow.

On outdoor trees greater than 10 feet tall, you may wish to run your strings in a vertical manner along the tips of the branches. Also, make sure you use material for outside use and that all connections are waterproof and off the ground. A wet connection is a dangerous one.

Merry Christmas — and a safe one.

NO MATTER how cold the weather, you can keep your water lines from freezing this winter by using heating cable. Proper application of heating cable on water pipes will help to keep water flowing through pipes installed inside or outside of buildings.



Here are some advantages:

1. Eliminates freezing and bursting of pipes.
2. Safe, low heat.
3. Low purchase costs.
4. Low operating costs.
5. Cable may be purchased complete with thermostat, or without thermostat for control by hand.
6. Easily installed — a "do-it-yourself" project by following instructions of manufacturer.
7. Cable and friction tape (or clamps) are all that is needed.
8. Chickens give higher production—pigs grow faster—cows give more milk— if drinking water is always available.

Elsewhere on this page is a drawing showing how cable should be spiraled around a pipe and faucet. Such an installation would probably be necessary only on a faucet exposed to outside temperatures. On pipes and faucets inside a building, a double cable run may be sufficient.

Never cut or shorten standard cable lengths—cable would run too hot and may burn out. And for the same reason, cable should not be crossed over itself.

A thermostat will reduce operating costs as much as 50 percent—sometimes more. A thermostat must be used when protecting plastic pipe with a maximum temperature of around 110 degrees Fahrenheit.

The electrification advisor at your local electric cooperative will gladly assist you with your problems such as these. In all probability, he will know the dealers who handle such equipment and can recommend the type of equipment you should have.

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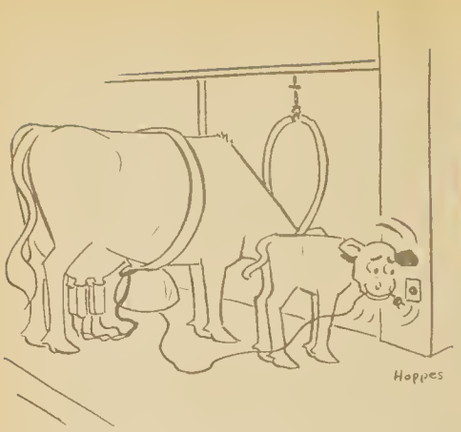

HALE!

Fight To The Finish

A dignified-looking, middle-aged gentleman decided to take advantage of a special sale and buy his wife a pair of nylons. After waiting about an hour on the fringe of a screaming, pushing mob of women, he plunged towards the counter with both arms flying. Suddenly a shrill voice hollered out, "Can't you act like a gentleman?"

"I've been acting like a gentleman for over an hour and it got me nowhere," he replied, still plowing toward the counter. "Now I'm going to act like a lady!"

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No Scrubbing, Please

John, age 3, did not like soap and water. One day his mother was trying to reason with him. "Surely you want to be a clean little boy, don't you?"

"Yes," tearfully agreed John, "but can't you just dust me?"

Wisecracks

. . . Criticism is something you can avoid by saying nothing, doing nothing, and being nothing.

. . . About the only two things a child will give away are communicable diseases and his mother's age.

. . . The motorist who weaves through traffic often winds up being stitched.

. . . A man seldom makes the same mistake twice. Generally it's three times or more.

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Poor Replacement

The motorist stood at the suburban front door, his hat in his hand. "I'm very sorry to tell you, Madam," he said to the woman who answered the door, "but I've just run over your cat. I would like to replace him."

"Well, don't just stand there," snapped the housewife, "there's a mouse in my kitchen. Get busy."

"You were old enough to know what you were doing!"

Tail First

Johnny was being permitted to bring in the kittens when a shrill protesting of meowing and spitting was heard.

"Be careful not to hurt the kittens, Junior," cautioned his father.

"But I am being careful, Daddy," replied Johnny. "I'm carrying them by their stems."

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Ranking High

A bunch of recruits were having a written examination, and when one of them was asked why he wasn't working, he replied, "Sir, I have neither paper nor pencil."

"Well!" exclaimed the instructor. "What would you think of a soldier who went into battle with neither rifle nor ammunition?"

The recruit thought for a moment, and then answered, "I'd think he was an officer, Sir."

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Trapped At Last

A successful businessman was talking to his competitor. "I said it before and I'll say it again," he declaimed. "There may be many ways of making money, but there's only one honest way."

"What's that?" the competitor asked.

"Just as I suspected," crowed the businessman. "You don't know."

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Last But Not Least

An Army recruiting poster downtown showed three eager-looking soldiers. The first soldier was pictured as saying: "I want education;" the second: "I want travel;" and the third: "I want security."

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